



# LOWELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

## *REGULAR MEETING MINUTES*

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**Date:** September 23, 2020  
**Time:** 6:30PM  
**Location:** City Council Chamber, 375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA 01852

### 1. SALUTE TO FLAG

### 2. ROLL CALL

On a roll call at 7:02 p.m., members present were, namely: Mr. Hoey, Mayor Leahy, Ms. Martin, Ms. Clark, Mr. Descoteaux and Mr. Dillon. Ms. Doherty was absent.

### 3. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

**3.1.** Communication Remote Participation: Members Of The Public May View The Meeting Via LTC And Those Wishing To Speak Regarding A Specific Agenda Item Shall Register To Speak In Advance Of The Meeting By Sending Email To The Superintendent Indicating The Agenda Item And A Phone Number To Call So That You May Be Tele-Conferenced in to the meeting. Email Address Is mpalazzo@Lowell.k12.Ma.us. If No Access To Email You May Contact at 978-674-4324.

### 4. PERMISSION TO ENTER

**4.1.** Permission to Enter: September 23, 2020

**Ms. Martin made a motion to approve the Permission to Enter; seconded by Mr. Dillon. 5 yeas, 1 nay (Mr. Hoey), 1 absent (Ms. Doherty) APPROVED**

### 5. MOTIONS

**5.1. [By Andy Descoteaux]:** Have the Superintendent to provide the School Committee sample copies of elementary, middle school, and high school schedule.

**Mr. Descoteaux made a motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Hoey. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Ms. Doherty) APPROVED**

**5.2. [By Michael Dillon Jr.]:** Request that Dr. Boyd set a firm date for teachers to return to school for in-person instruction pursuant to the current contract between the Lowell School Committee and the United Teachers of Lowell. The same date should be set for teachers to return to school for remote learning instruction.

**Mr. Dillon tabled his motion.**



## **6. REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

### **6.1. School Opening Report**

Superintendent Boyd and his team gave the Committee an update on facilities and the schools reopening. They provided a dashboard report which is color coded with green meaning all set, yellow meaning progressing and red meaning needs more assistant. The report was updated before the meeting. The report included the following information (color coded) per school:

- Instructional Support
- Staffing
- Health & Safety
- Students
- School Buildings & Facilities
- Transportation
- Parent/Community Relations
- Miscellaneous

Dr. Hall, Chief Operating Officer then spoke to the Committee about the facilities and reported out on building capacity for in-person learning regarding facility, safety equipment, building supplies, campus seats, safety messaging (in place) and operable and inoperable rooms in schools.

**Mr. Dillon made a motion to accept the Report of the Superintendent as a report of progress; seconded by Ms. Clark. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Ms. Doherty) APPROVED**



## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Dillon made a motion to adjourn at 9:12 p.m.; seconded by Ms. Clark. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Ms. Doherty) APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Joel D. Boyd, Ed.D., Superintendent and  
Secretary to the Lowell School Committee

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